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SUBJECT: OBSERVER STATUS FOR PLO AT CONFERENCE ON
TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF SEAFARERS

REFERENCE: BLACK/DIAMANTI TELCON

1. U.S. DELEGATION WILL OPPOSE ARAB STATES' RESOLUTION
PROPOSING OBSERVER STATUS BE GIVEN TO PLO AT IMCO
CONFERENCE ON TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF SEAFARERS.

2. U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD ATTEMPT THROUGH CORRIDOR
DISCUSSIONS TO DISSUADE ARABS FROM FORCING THEIR
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RESOLUTION. IT IS POSSIBLE THEY ARE ONLY MAKING A GESTURE
AND MAY BE WILLING TO BACK OFF IN FACE OF RESISTENCE.

3. IF ARAB PROPOSAL COMES TO FLOOR US DELEGATION WILL
STATE THAT UNITED STATES OPPOSES GRANTING OF OBSERVER
STATUS TO PLO BECAUSE THAT WOULD GRANT PLO A STATUS IT
HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED BY IMCO. IT WOULD PREJUDICE AN

ISSUE WHICH IS WITHIN THE SOVEREIGN COMPETENCE OF THE IMCO COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY. (THIS IS TO COUNTER THE ARGUMENT THAT AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CAN DECIDE ITS OWN RULES OF PROCEDURE AND IS NOT BOUND BY IMCO RULES).

4. US DELEGATION SHOULD ADD THAT THE RESOLUTION BRINGS INTO THE CONFERENCE A HIGHLY CHARGED POLITICAL ISSUE WHICH IS PROPERLY THE SUBJECT OF THE PARTIES TO THE MIDDLE EAST DISPUTE, AS SUCH IT IS AN UNWANTED POLITICIZATION OF A TECHNICAL CONFERENCE WHICH HAS IMPORTANT TECHNICAL ISSUES TO DECIDE. THE PRESENCE OF THE PLO OBSERVER IS NOT INDISPENSIBLE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE AND SHOULD THEREFORE NOT BE PUSHED TO A VOTE WHICH COULD BE HARMFUL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE.

5. IF, IN SPITE OF EFFORTS IN CORRIDOR AND ON FLOOR, ARAB RESOLUTION COMES TO VOTE, US DELEGATION WILL VOTE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION.

6. FOLLOWING THE VOTE THE US DELEGATION WILL STATE FOR THE RECORD THAT IT VOTED AGAINST THE RESOLUTION BECAUSE THE UNITED STATES HAS GENERALLY OPPOSED GRANTING THE PLO OBSERVER STATUS IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM; THE VOTE INFRINGES ON THE SOVEREIGNTY OF IMCO WHICH WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE AND THAT PLO DOES NOT HAVE OBSERVER STATUS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMCO; THAT THE RESOLUTION WAS AN UNWANTED INTRUSION OF A POLITICAL ISSUE INTO A TECHNICAL CONFERENCE, AND THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE PLO OBSERVER IS NOT NECESSARY FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE OR FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE.

7. USDEL SHOULD INFORM ISRAELI DELEGATE OF US POSITION.

8. PLEASE REPORT RESULTS. CHRISTOPHER

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